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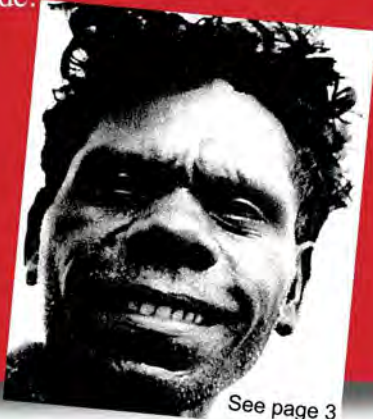
NEWS for
Traditional
Owners



NEWS from your LAND Council

Good to know

A brass, life size sculpture of Matthias Ullungura will be made.



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Chairman's Words



Welcome to our October/November edition of *The Tiwi*. I would like to pass our condolences to family who have lost loved ones over the past months.

The light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter and brighter by the day. We are expecting the first shipment of wood chip to be exported from Port Melville some time in November, which will be a massive day of celebration and we invite everyone who can make it. Please come along and join in the day that our leaders, past and present, have been waiting for, for many decades.

With the amount of business happening with Forestry and Port Melville developments, we have established our Chairmen's Strategic Development Planning Committee, which includes the Chairman of Munupi Pty Ltd, Pirrawayingi Purun-

tatameri; Chairman of Tiwi Plantations Corporation, Cyril Kalippa; Chairman of Port Melville Pty Ltd, Andrew Tipungwuti and myself as Chairman of your Tiwi Land Council.

This committee is all about working together to provide the best possible outcomes for all Tiwi people and you can read our joint Chairmen's Mission Statement in this edition of *The Tiwi*.

The build-up season is now upon us, with conditions hot and trying, so we ask that you look after yourselves, your families and friends and enjoy this time together as we head into the wet season relief just around the corner.

Mana, Nimpangi Mantawi

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*

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Wood-chip pile growing at Port Melville

Port Melville Mission Statement signed

Port Melville - Tiwi Islands - Northern Territory

As the four elected Chairmen on behalf of the Tiwi Traditional Owners, and together with our business partners, we advocate and promote business and employment opportunities for the benefit of all Tiwi people.

As one voice, we represent the following:

- The eight Land Owning Groups across Melville and Bathurst Islands
- The Traditional Owners across the vast land of Munupi, engaging in various business ventures, creating employment and business opportunities such as Port Melville and the Tiwi Forestry Project.
- Tiwi owned businesses; Tiwi Plantations Corporation and Port Melville Pty Ltd, independent organisations based on Munupi land which enable partnerships between Tiwi and Non-Tiwi to share their skills and knowledge that will create independence for Tiwi people.

The creation of business partnerships is a key economic strategy of Tiwi people to ensure clear and strong corporate governance is in place. Our aim is to enable the Port and Forestry to be utilised to add social and economic capital investment value to the Tiwi economy and the Northern Territory as a whole.

As current leaders, we are fortunate for the foresight set before us by past leaders and elders in relation to the Tiwi economy. Together, we acknowledge that an important building block is to sustain long-term growth for Tiwi, now and into the future.

As elected Chairmen, we have developed a strong working partnership with a commitment to continue the work of previous Chairmen, supporting the investment of 10% of Tiwi Land for the development of the Tiwi economy.

We acknowledge and support our previous leaders' and elders' vision which is a commitment and a will to work in co-partnership to skill and develop Tiwi people, especially our potential future leaders in their final school years at Tiwi and Xavier Colleges.

We have worked with our partners at Port Melville to ensure there will be no dredging or harm to sensitive environmental areas around Port Melville. The surrounding water ways and mangroves continue to be protected.

No endangered or threatened species will be affected by the port or its operation. No seagrass beds will be damaged. The shipping routes are many kilometres from turtle nesting colonies. Slow-moving vessels are unlikely to strike dugongs, dolphins and turtles.

The recently created 'Port Melville Strategic Development Planning Committee' allows for regular Port and Forestry briefings and is a forum to raise any issues or concerns we or the community may have.

The commercial operations of Port Melville could create a number of jobs for young Tiwi people in its first year of operation. A continued working relationship with our business partners; TERAS, Aboriginal Maritime and Plantation Management Partners is core to the future. This relationship will provide a skilled and experienced Tiwi workforce benefitting not only the Munupi traditional owners but all Tiwi.

*Gibson Farmer Illortamini,
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*



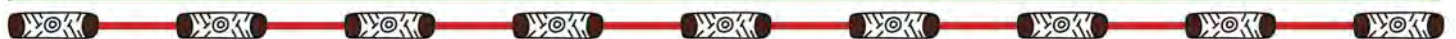
*Pirrawayingi,
Chairman Munupi Pty Ltd*



*Andrew Tipungwuti
Chairman Port Melville Pty Ltd*



*Cyril Kalippa OAM
Chairman Tiwi Plantations
Corporation*



Executive Management Committee

EMC's Notes



Tiwi Land Council Executive Management Committee

Your Executive Management Committee continues to work hard to bring past members' hopes and visions into reality. We've been talking about the exciting times with our forestry harvest and port development for a long time now, and even though there have been delays and people trying to bring us down, we get closer every week. There is still plenty of work to do, and we congratulate our forestry workers and port partners for the effort they put in day after day.

There are lots of other things happening across the Islands as well, and we continue to meet every two weeks to deal with the day to day business of your Land Council.

Stories in this edition of *The Tiwi* cover some of the great work happening, but we also deal with things behind the scenes, like making sure our financial management passes audit every year, preparing our Annual Report for the Commonwealth Government, providing advice to government on changes to legislation that affects us all, and gathering information to inform the Tiwi community.

A highlight of the past month was a visit by CM Adam Giles to Wurrumiyanga to announce that a brass, life size sculpture of Matthias Ullungura will be made in memory of him being the first person in Australia to capture a Japanese soldier during the bombing of Darwin in WWII.

Through the sculpture we can remember this Tiwi man and share the important story with our children and their future children. It was a great day with BBQ lunch and Tiwi dancing.



Tiwi warrior Matthias Ullungura (1911-1980), who captured the first Japanese prisoner of war taken on Australian soil on 20th February 1942 at Kru-ru on Melville Island.



Matthias Ullungura 1911 - 1980



The change of season is here, and we ask everyone to stay safe and drink plenty of water while we wait for the wet season to arrive.

Executive Management Committee





As the Port Operation moves a step closer to the first shipment of woodchip the development and anticipation at Port Melville continues to grow.

The construction of the fixed plant for the woodchip handling is now well progressed and is being used to screen, move, and handle chip around the site.

The “stockpile” of woodchip ready for the first shipment increases in size by the day, with the Tiwi Plantations group having been working 24 hour shifts to ensure things will all be ready.

A further important milestone, in relation to the Port Operation, was also accomplished in late September when a trial was undertaken with the ship loader in position on the wharf. This exercise was done safely and was a great success, and congratulations goes to all involved.



Stockpile of woodchip ready for the first shipment

Another aspect of the Port Development, that EOLHT has been working on for some time now with a number of important stakeholders has been Environmental Approvals.

It is in respect to these that in late October EOLHT received determinations from both the Federal Department of Environment and the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) that provided listed conditions are adhered to, no further assessment of the development is required under the relevant acts.

Sean London, Project Manager



Tiwi Plantations Environmental Audit



The Tiwi plantations are owned by Tiwi people, and the Tiwi Land Council has always said that they must be managed to the best environmental standard. The plantation currently meets an international standard called ISO 14001, which means that it has an internationally recognised environmental management system. This year the plantation also achieved Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Registration. FSC makes sure that forests are managed to take care of native plants, animals and the local community.

To keep these standards, the forestry project must be accredited every year. This means that every year audits have to be done. If the audit is failed, then the accreditation is taken away. For the ISO 14001 standard, there are two annual audits - one by the Tiwi Land Council, who has a qualified environmental auditor on staff, and once by an outside professional.

The plantation project has never failed an environmental audit, which means that it has always been run to an international standard.

In September this year the Tiwi Land Council carried out their annual ISO 14001 audit of the plantations. It was good to see that the systems are still in place and working, and that new operations with harvesting and port stockpiling have been added to the environmental management system.

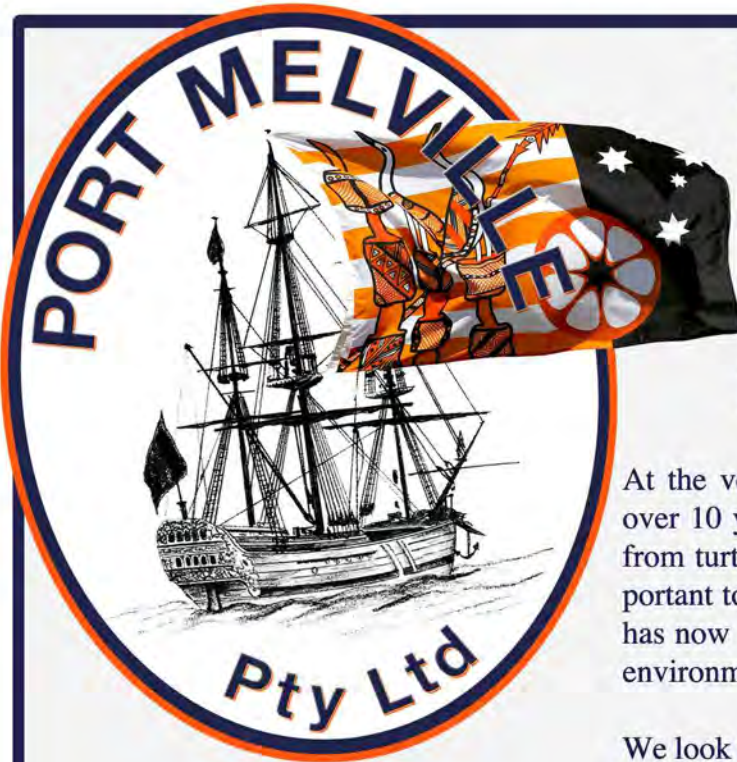


Kate Hadden, TLC

Congratulations to all plantations staff for keeping up the standards!



Port Melville Environmental Approvals



The Tiwi Land Council welcomes findings from both the NT Environment Protection Agency and the Federal Department of the Environment that no further environmental assessment is required for the development and operation of Port Melville.

We are justifiably proud of the unique environmental values of our land and adjacent seas, and dedicate significant time and resources to their management and protection.

At the very beginning of the development of Port Melville over 10 years ago we made sure that the site was well away from turtle nesting beaches and other plants and animals important to both Tiwi people and the broader community. This has now been acknowledged by the NT and Commonwealth environmental Agencies through their recent decisions.

We look forward to continuing our close relationships with all commercial operators on the Tiwi Islands to keep our natural resources safe and healthy.

Tiwi Land Council



Awards' Finalists

Your Land Council works hard to develop partnerships with leading organisations to get good outcomes for the Tiwi Islands. It is important that our partners are the best of the best, and proof of that are the many awards that Tiwi projects have won over the years, and are still winning.

The Tropical Rock Oyster Economic Development Partnership with NT Fisheries is a finalist in the 2015 NT Landcare Awards, to be presented in Darwin on the 11th November. This project has been on the go for many years, with Cyril Kalippa leading the charge. After many years, it is now seeing oysters being grown out in trials on the Tiwi Islands. The goal is to provide economic opportunities for Tiwi Landowning Groups.

**2015
NORTHERN
TERRITORY
LANDCARE
AWARDS**

The Tiwi Tropical Fire Ant Project, which won the Biodiversity Award at the UN Australia World Environment Day in June, is now up for a Banksia Award, to be presented in Sydney on the 13th November. Banksia Awards are the premier environmental awards in Australia, and the partnership project between CSIRO, TLC and Tiwi Plantations has been selected for the Indigenous Leadership Category.

**BANKSIA
SUSTAINABILITY
AWARDS 2015
CATEGORY FINALIST**



Mantiyupwi News



Congratulations to Mantiyupwi and Sr Anne for successfully gaining funding for various projects at the Patakijiyali Museum, including:

• \$11,487 through the Department of Chief Minister's Regional Economic Development Fund to supply and install six new air-conditioners

• \$126,000 through the ABA for the construction of the Tiwi All Sports Museum Hall of Fame, with the work being carried out by BIHA

• \$70,000 through TourismNT for the fitout of the Tiwi All Sports Museum Hall of Fame

Funding is also being sort for the construction of pontoons at Wurrumiyanga and Paru, and the development of the proposed Visitors Welcome Centre.

Mantiyupwi directors and other leaders continue to support community events and groups. The most recent include a donation of \$2,000 to the Tiwi Bombers Youth Girls, the continuing sponsorship of the Tuyu football team in the Tiwi Islands Football League, and the ongoing quarterly support of Mantiyupwi elderly and disabled family members.

The current Directors and leaders of Mantiyupwi are Jennifer Clancy, Mavis Kerinauia, Angelo Orsto, Derek Timaepatua, John Ross Pilakui, Russell Pungamirri, Tina Patlas, Cyril Martin Kerinauia and Wesley Kerinauia.

Wesley has been appointed the Chairperson of Mantiyupwi Pty Ltd. The leadership team are currently working with Shane Thornton of KPMG to develop their business plan, and part of this process will include undertaking governance training.



Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island



The next Mantiyupwi Family meeting will be held on Monday 14th December 2015 at the Mantiyupwi Motel in Wurrumiyanga.

Milikapiti Farm & Nursery Field Trip



In late September Laurie Tipiloura, Fogarty Wilson, Consolata Mungatopi, Sally Wilson, Nancy Kerinauia and Mark Muller went on a field trip to visit other farms in the Top End. They visited Pinata Farms at Lambells Lagoon, and learnt about their pineapple and passionfruit sections, as well as the nursery section, and picked up a lot of ideas for similar production at Milikapiti. The harvest of pineapples is due in February 2016, and they have been invited back to watch the harvest operations.



They then drove to Katherine and visited the Kalano Farm, which has a large tomato growing operation. The tour of the farm included observing the fruit grader, packing shed and cold rooms. They also observed the mobile platform in action, which allows the workers to be seated and in the shade, and gives them carrying capacity for the harvested fruit. It was great to see the size of the operations and to get an understanding, of the requirements producing a commercial crop on a consistent basis.

Overall it was a very valuable trip and gave our workers a lot of ideas for the Milikapiti Farm and Nursery.



Quiz

- When was the first use of Radio involving Japanese in a battle of War?
 - From Bathurst Island about attack on Darwin in World War 2.
 - From ships about a naval battle of Russian war with Japan.
 - From aircraft about battle of the Coral Sea.
- What is the total area of forestry plantations in Australia?
 - 5 million hectares
 - 8 million hectares
 - 2 million hectares
- How many hectares of natural forest are owned or managed by indigenous people in Australia?
 - 13 million
 - 41 million
 - 27 million
- What is the total value of agricultural crops exported from the Northern Territory each year?
 - \$159m
 - \$119m
 - \$203m
- How many Ports are there in Australia that export Australian products?
 - 510
 - 85
 - 174
- Matthias Ullungura was famous for capturing the first prisoner of war in Australia. What else was he famous for?
 - The first Tiwi to have his art in the National Gallery collection
 - The first Tiwi elected to a Local Government Council
 - The first Tiwi member of a Tribal Council

New Look for famous Radio Room



Historic Radio Room at Churchyard, Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island



Dear Readers of the Tiwi.
Have you noticed a new look has been given to the Radio Room in the Churchyard?

This new look has been created by some very generous men, who gave of their time to make sure, the significance of this room is never lost.

To TITEB we say our thank-you for materials and for Chris Bush and Bill Andrews for their ideas and labour.

Whilst Rosco Brothers were here they generously gave of time and material. To Marcus Blunt and Tommy, thank-you.

BIHA came forward to help out with materials and machinery. Thank-you Peter.

A visitor to Wurrumiyanga, Mark Andrews joined the gang and gave of his time and talents.

Please next time you walk to the beach take a moment to see what has been done around the Radio War-time room.

Sister Anne Gardener



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1.b) The first use of Radio in War was in 1905 in the Battle of Port Arthur between Russia and Japan.

2.c) 2, 012,500 hectares only

3.b) 41 million hectares

4.a) \$159m made up mostly of melons and mangoes.

5.b) 85 only. Port Melville will be number 86 when the chip ship goes out.

6.a), b) and c) Matthias was famous for all these achievements. As *Ngapiatilawai* his art is displayed in the National Gallery of Australia. Elected to the Nguuu Council 1963. Member of the Tribal Council appointed by Paul Hasluck in 1961.

Message from Member for Arafura

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Member for Arafura's Tiwi Office (near the Wurrumiyanga PO, Night Patrol offices)

Opened in October 2015!

Everybody Welcome



Working for the Tiwi Islands Communities

Please contact Rachel on 0429 919 539
for further information.

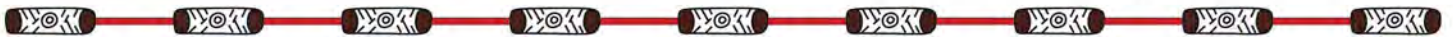
FRANCIS XAVIER KURRUPUWU MLA Member for Arafura

Hello. Great news, I now have a small Local Members office in Wurrumiyanga. The office is near the Post Office and Night Patrol. At this stage the office will only be open part time and supported by members of my team visiting Wurrumiyanga every fortnight. I have an open door policy and welcome suggestions from my community that will create new ideas and find new solutions.

For Melville Island residents, I will continue provide regular visits to Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti, however as always, please feel free to contact my electorate office on 8999 6950. Keep a look out on my Facebook Page or look for the posters around community with my office opening days. I hope to hold a small open day soon – stay tuned.

I continue to be hopeful of how Tiwi people are contributing to building a strong, healthy Tiwi community. I am privileged to be your Member at a time when the Tiwi people are taking a lead in issues ranging from preventing community violence, supporting strong education in adults and kids, creating new business, employment and sport opportunities and continuing to support major economic development projects such as the Forestry and the Port.

Look forward to seeing many of you soon, Mana.



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Visiting the Islands

Northern Glider Research



I am a PhD student from Charles Darwin University and I was recently fortunate enough to travel to Melville Island for three weeks to trap gliders, or 'ri-jinga', around Shark Bay, with help from Tiwi Land Rangers.

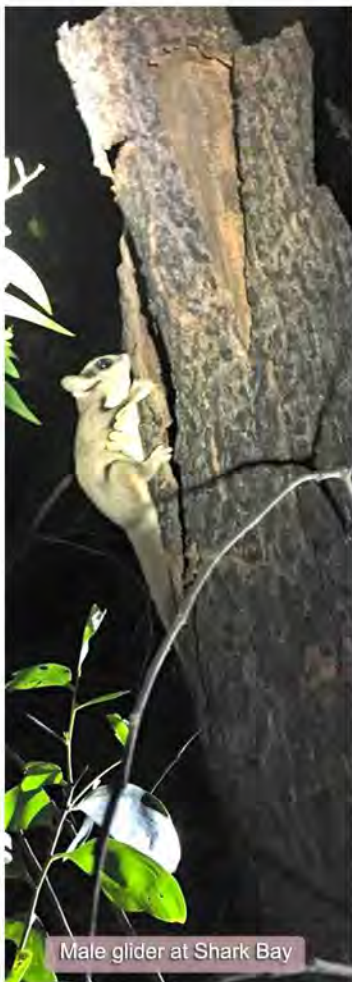
The gliders that occur throughout the coastal parts of the Northern Territory (including the Tiwi Islands) are special – they are only found in the Northern Territory. Scientists know very little about them, including what trees they use for feeding and denning (sleeping) and what threats they may be facing (including cats and poorly managed fire).

With approval from the Tiwi Land Council and support from Tiwi Land Rangers, I have started monitoring gliders on Melville Island. I hope to visit the island twice each year for two years, and learn what habitat the gliders are using and how they respond to fire. During my recent trip, I trapped and released 20 gliders and saw over 130 gliders during night-time spot-lighting surveys.



Alyson Stobo-Wilson holding a glider trapped in CSIRO fire plots at Shark Bay

For every glider trapped, a small tissue sample from its ear is collected for analysis of its DNA to see which other glider species it is related to. I also measure the gliders, including head width and body length, and record their weight (which indicates how healthy they are), and if the females have young gliders in their pouches. I recorded which trees I could see gliders feeding in at night.



Male glider at Shark Bay



Male glider trapped in CSIRO fire plots in Shark Bay

I am always looking for information on where people have seen gliders and what types of trees they see them in. If you have any information you would like to pass on please get in touch with me through Kate Hadden at the Tiwi Land Council, or email alyson.stobo-wilson@cdu.edu.au. I look forward to visiting again soon and sharing my journey with you along the way.

Alyson Stobo-Wilson



Setting traps in the trees to catch gliders

Tiwi College student: Doing science during National Science Week



The team takes a well earned break! L to R: CSIRO's Jon Schatz, French student, Maud Doublet-Bernard, Tiwi College students, Brady and Peter Puruntatameri, Tiwi Land Ranger, Willie Rioli and French student, Maelys Muepu.



Senior Tiwi Land Ranger and Mentor, Willie Rioli measuring tree height.

“I really enjoyed working with CSIRO. It was good to learn new skills. My favourite part was going out all day and tagging trees. I also enjoyed learning how to use the metal detector.”

That’s how Tiwi College student, Anthony Guy, summed up his work experience with CSIRO.

During National Science Week in late August, Anthony and John Pupangamirri worked with CSIRO’s Jon Schatz and French students, Maelys Maepu and Maud Doublet-Bernard, on Melville Island as part of the Tiwi Carbon Study.

John Pupangamirri said his favourite part of the week was working with the Tiwi Land Rangers at the fire plots at Shark Bay. He enjoyed learning how to measure the height and diameter of trees.

“I also enjoyed working with the two CSIRO French students, Maelys and Maud,” he said.

The College students were given basic training in the application and use of a handheld GPS, metal detector, tree diameter tape, and tree height staff.

They then located and measured 360 tagged trees and 90 tagged logs. This information is needed to understand how trees grow and thrive when country is burnt at different times of the year. The team also recorded plant characters for two different Cycad species to help understand their similarities, differences and distributions.

Anthony said the hardest thing about the week was getting up in the morning, but for John it was working all day in the hot sun that he found most difficult.

On the last two days Tiwi Land Rangers, Willie Rioli, Jose Puruntatameri and Vivien Kerinauia, and fellow Tiwi College students, Brady and Peter Puruntatameri and Lincoln Pupangamirri, joined in the ‘seek and remeasure’ tree treasure hunt. All in all, it was a productive and enjoyable week!

Barbara McKaige, CSIRO

Tiwi College students, Anthony Guy, and Lincoln and John Pupangamirri hard at work!



Tiwi College students, Peter and Brady Puruntatameri, with Senior Tiwi Land Ranger and Mentor, Willie Rioli (centre) and CSIRO's Jon Schatz (right) measuring tree diameters on one of the Tiwi Carbon Study plots.

Tiwi Protecting Australian Agriculture

Tiwi Rangers have a longstanding partnership with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources' Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS). NAQS conducts surveillance along Australia's remote northern coast to detect the entry of exotic plant pests, weeds and diseases of plants and animals from our northern neighbours. In partnership with the Tiwi Land Rangers, NAQS is helping to protect the health of Tiwi Island's plants and animals from exotic incursions.

"The work we do with NAQS ensures our eyes are peeled for changes in our environment, helping to detect incursions as early as possible" explains the Tiwi Land Rangers Supervisor and Mentor, Willie Rioli.

Tiwi Rangers undertake a range of biosecurity surveillance activities as part of caring for and protecting their country. These include monitoring for marine debris, community animal health reporting, plant host mapping and most recently the rangers have been piloting a new citrus pest monitoring activity.

The citrus pest monitoring activity creates a system for early detection of insects, which could impact the citrus industry as well as local citrus plantings. The rangers collect insects off the citrus trees once a month in Pickataramoor, Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti. The insects are then sent to Darwin to be identified and recorded.



Tiwi Land Rangers Kim B. Wommatakimmi, Vivian Kerinauia and Willie Rioli at work



"The citrus pest monitoring activity allows us to make sure our community citrus trees are healthy and free of exotic insects.. We are able to pass on the skills and knowledge we gain from the citrus activity and other surveillance work to the whole community".

Tiwi Rangers have consistently delivered quality samples during the trial of the citrus pest monitoring activity. This is a reflection of their excellent collection techniques and keen eyes while surveying the plants. Due to the rangers' success, the activity is now being rolled out in other communities in the Northern Territory and Queensland.

The Tiwi Land Rangers are dedicated to protecting and caring for their country, which in turn helps the wider Australian community and the environment to remain free from potentially damaging exotic pests and diseases.

Liz McCrudden, NAQS

Tiwi Calendars win Culture and Heritage Award



The **Tiwi Seasons** and **Tiwi Plants and Animals** calendars won the Culture & Heritage category at the Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT's 2015 Awards at the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in Katherine on October 23rd.

Senior Traditional Owner Bernard Tipiloura, his wife Lynette Johnson, and CSIRO's Barbie McKaige were at the awards dinner to accept the joint CSIRO-Tiwi Land Council award from NT Deputy Chief Minister, Willem Westra van Holthe.

The Culture and Heritage award acknowledges the important role the calendars play in preserving Tiwi knowledge for future generations.

Mr Tipiloura said there has been a significant loss of knowledge over the past 10 to 15 years on the Islands.



Bernard Tipiloura and Barbie McKaige (centre) with, from left, Gary Swanson (Chair of the Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT), Lisa Mumbin (Chair of the Jawoyn Aboriginal Association Corporation) and NT Deputy Chief Minister Willem Van Westra Holthe, at the Keep Australia Beautiful Council NT Awards

"We're worried that kids are not learning culture so we need to think of new ways to teach them and these calendars will make a huge difference," he said.

"Our children need to learn about culture, they need to become strong Tiwi people and I want to show them the ways to do that. These calendars are wonderful. I will use them all the time to teach the children culture and the proper ways to live."



Tiwi Bombers



Although the Tiwi Bombers Football Club has had a slow start on-field to the 2015/16 NTFL Season there have been many positives already.

Under hard-working 2nd Year Head Coach Willie Rioli Snr the Club has committed to providing a better player development pathway for Tiwi Island Youth with a stronger Under 15 Youth Girls team representing the islands and a close relationship with Tracy Village Football Club to provide Under 16 and 18 Tiwi boys opportunities in the NTFL Underage competitions.

15 year old Shane Austral from Tiwi College and Milikapiti was promoted to the Premier League team from the Tracy village under 18s and has been outstanding. Also playing in the mainland underage competition are Warwick McGorm, Hayden Whiting, Lance Miller, Kurt Dunn, Luke McAdam and Michael Wonaeamirri.

The 2015/16 Board elected in late September has four Tiwi people on the 7 member Board which continues a policy of Tiwi Community representation since the creation of the Club in 2007.

Welcome to the Board Mary Dunn and Premiership player Samson Mungatopi who join President Mick Burns, Lesley Tungatalum, Alan McGill, Bob Beadman and former Coach Brenton Toy.

The Tiwi Bombers Club played its first of 4 Home games on October 24th and sincerely thanks the Community groups for their continuing support. Special mention to the staff of the Tiwi Islands Regional Council, the Principals and staff of the Wurrumiyanga Schools, the Regional Council Childcare Centre and a special thanks to the Management of the Nguiu Store. Essendon Football Club recently visited Tiwi College, Milikapiti and Wurrumiyanga with a small 11 member group which was followed up by a week long stay by future Bomber Captain Dyson Heppel and his partner. A 20 strong Essendon party arrives in the NT on the 10th November with the highlight being an overnight stay at Wurrumiyanga on the 15th. The party includes Tiwi Jake Long and future superstar Joe Daniher.

Aboriginal Birth Cohort study



Nation's largest and longest running Aboriginal Birth Cohort study: health and wellbeing of young people

The Aboriginal Birth Cohort (ABC) study along with the non-Indigenous Top End Cohort (TEC) provides valuable information on the early causes of chronic diseases, such as kidney, heart disease and diabetes and the age at which they appear.

The health and wellbeing of 686 Aboriginal babies has been checked regularly from their birth (1987-1990), in childhood (1998-2001), adolescence (2005-2008) and now in young adulthood (2013-2015).

The researchers have recently travelled to over 40 remote and urban communities across the Top End to see participants at 22-27 years of age. We are delighted to say with the help and support of communities we have conducted 576 face-to-face comprehensive health assessments.

Who did we see?

Urban: 96 ABC and 117 TEC.

Remote: total 358 ABC, 53 in Tiwi, 161 in Arnhem, 115 in Vic/Daly, 24 in Roper/Gulf, 5 Interstate.

What did we find?

- **Most young people reported being happy and healthy.** 85% of people said they were happy most or all of the time and 84% of people said they were healthy.
- **Most people liked their community.** 74% of remote Aboriginal people rated their community as good or very good.
- **People in remote areas were more often underweight than overweight** (see figure below).
- **Smoking rates were high** (75%) in remote Aboriginal people compared to urban Aboriginal (57%) and non-Indigenous people (12.5%).
- **Males were stronger than females** (grip strength 36.7kg versus 19.4kg respectively) wherever they lived.
- **Most people said they did some exercise** (96.8%) up to 10 hours per week.

Table 1: BMI by residence, ethnicity and gender

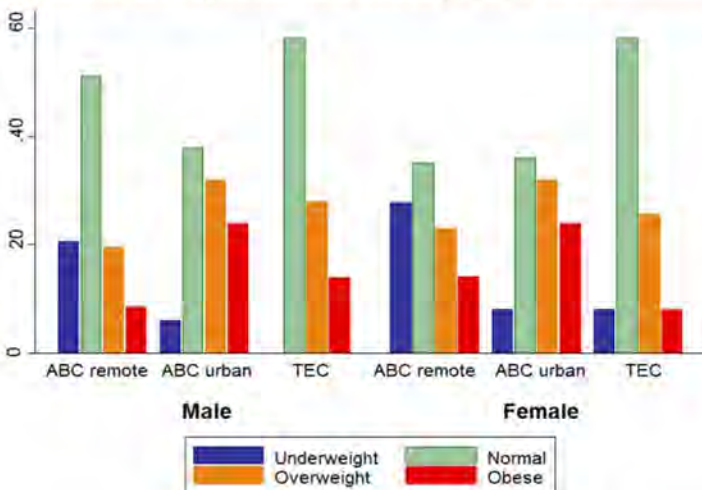
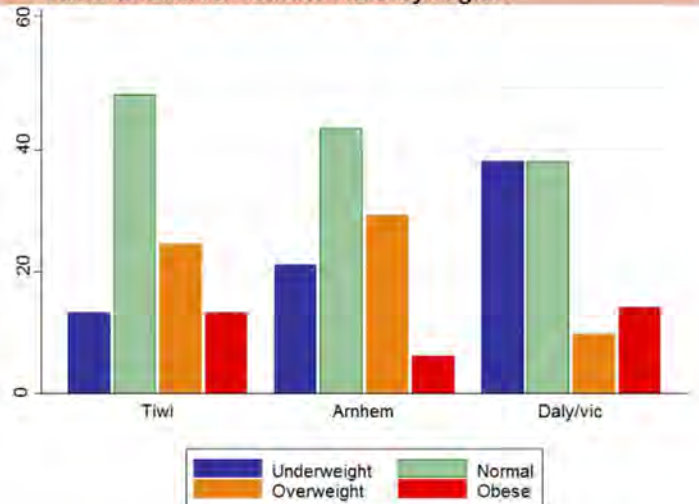


Table 2: BMI for remote ABC by region



Many people helped us during this time. Over 50 community research officers were employed and were pivotal in finding study participants. We would not have been so successful without the goodwill of the communities and the support and assistance of these people. We hope that these connections remain strong and look forward to working with community members when we return again in 2018.

We will provide updates on the study results as these become available. If you would like more information on the study and the results please contact us. abcstudy@menzies.edu.au
 Or Belinda Davison, Project Manager Ph. (08) 89468544 or Belinda.davison@menzies.edu.au



POSITION VACANT

Assistant Tiwi Marine Ranger

1 Position available for
Pirlangimpi resident

For information about the job contact Kate Hadden on 8944 8416

**Written expressions of interest must be given to Brian Clancy or
Kate Hadden by Monday 30th November**

**Interviews will be held once expressions of interest have been
received**

Police check will be required for all applicants

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assistant Tiwi Marine Ranger - Pirlangimpi

The Position: The Assistant Tiwi Marine Ranger will assist with coastal and marine liaison and management activities along the Tiwi Islands coastline, under the direction of the Tiwi Marine Ranger - Pirlangimpi. The Assistant Tiwi Marine Ranger will also carry out training and land and sea management activities at the direction of the Tiwi Marine Ranger and the Tiwi Land Council.

Responsible to: Tiwi Marine Ranger - Pirlangimpi

Specific duties:

1. Assist with regular patrols of the land, coast and river inlets.
2. Assist with the observation, recording and reporting of fisheries violations.
3. Assist with regular inspections of recreational camping sites, and observing, recording and reporting violations.
4. Record and report marine debris; assist with clean-up as required.
5. Record, report and assist in the investigation of fish kills.
6. Assist with the operation and maintenance of a vessel, vehicle and other equipment associated with the position.
7. Carry out training as directed by the Tiwi Marine Ranger and Tiwi Land Council.
8. Carry out other land or coastal management activities as directed by the Tiwi Marine Ranger and Tiwi Land Council.
9. Keep and maintain a diary of land and sea management activities, and training activities.

Base rate of pay: \$17.29 per hour, paid through Tiwi Enterprises payroll

Selection criteria:

1. Must have basic literacy skills
2. Must be physically fit and able to carry out physically demanding tasks
3. Must be available for regular coastal patrols away from home, sometimes overnight or several nights
4. Must have, or be willing to obtain, Coxswain qualification
5. Must pass police check

The position will be supplied with a uniform.

The Tiwi Land Council promotes a drug free workplace